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Enclosed please find:

1. Certificate of Transmission;
2. Fee Transmittal (PTO/SB/17); and
3. Application for Patent Term Adjustment.... (3 pgs. plus Exhibits A and B).

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**OFFICIAL**Docket No.  
564131/0023IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: **Masahiko Mori et al.** Art Unit: **1773**  
Application No.: **09/943,229** Examiner: **Stevan A. Resan**  
Filed: **August 30, 2001**  
For: **MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM**

Date: **June 15, 2004**

**APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT**  
**(37 C.F.R. § 1.705)**

Mail Stop Issue Fee  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants have received a Notice of Allowance and related papers, including a Determination of Patent Term Adjustment Under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the subject application.

For convenience, copies of the Notice of Allowance and Determination of Patent Term Adjustment are annexed as Exhibit A.

The Determination of Patent Term Adjustment states that the Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 days.

For the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully disagree and submit that the term of this patent should be extended by 579 days.

As required by Rule 705, this Application for Patent Term Adjustment is being filed prior to payment of the Issue Fee.

As also required by Rule 705, this Application for Patent Term Adjustment is accompanied by the requisite fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e).

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**Application No. 09/943,229  
APPLICATION FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT  
dated June 15, 2004**

The following information required by Rule 705 establishes that the term of the patent issuing on this application should be extended by the amount requested herein.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.705, Applicants present the following facts.

The correct term adjustment for this application is an extension of 579 days.

The basis for this extension is that the Patent and Trademark Office ("PTO") did not comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1). Specifically, the PTO did not mail either a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. § 151 not later than fourteen months after the date on which this application was filed under 35 U.S.C. § 111.

The relevant dates as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a) are:

<b><u>Date</u></b>	<b><u>Action</u></b>
August 30, 2001	Application filed by applicants
October 4, 2001	Notice to File Missing Parts mailed by PTO <sup>1</sup>
December 3, 2001	Response to Notice to File Missing Parts, including executed Declaration, filed by applicants
January 21, 2004	Status Inquiry filed by applicants
June 1, 2004	Notice of Allowance mailed by PTO

This application is not subject to a terminal disclaimer.

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<sup>1</sup> According to the Notice of Final Rulemaking at 65 Fed. Reg. 56366, 56368 (September 18, 2000) (copy annexed at Exhibit B), entitled "Changes to Implement Patent Term Adjustment under Twenty-Year Patent Term; Final rule", a Notice to File Missing Parts does not constitute a notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132:

Office notices and letters issued as part of the pre-examination processing of an application are not notices issued as a result of an examination conducted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 131, and thus are not notifications under 35 U.S.C. 132. Examples of such notices are: . . . , a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533). . . . (emphasis added)

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There were no circumstances constituting a failure to engage in reasonable efforts to conclude processing or examination of this application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.704.

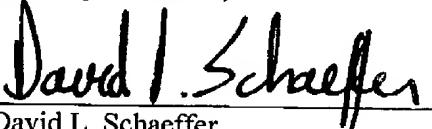
According to the undersigned's calculations, the period of time extending from October 31, 2001, the day after the fourteen month period from the filing on August 30, 2001 of this application, until the mailing of the Notice of Allowance on June 1, 2004, is 579 days.

Favorable consideration and extension of the term of the patent issuing from this application by 579 days are respectfully requested.

Authorization to charge the \$200 fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18(e) required for this Application is provided on the annexed Fee Transmittal form. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any other fees now or hereafter required to Deposit Account No. 19-4709.

If there are any questions, please contact Applicant's undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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# EXHIBIT A



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EXAMINER
RESAN, STEVAN A

ART UNIT	PAPER NUMBER
1773	

DATE MAILED: 06/01/2004

APPLICATION NO.	FILING DATE	FIRST NAMED INVENTOR	ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.	CONFIRMATION NO.
09/943,229	08/30/2001	Masahiko Mori	56413 1/0023	9338

TITLE OF INVENTION: MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIUM

APPLN. TYPE	SMALL ENTITY	ISSUE FEE	PUBLICATION FEE	TOTAL FEE(S) DUE	DATE DUE
nonprovisional	NO	\$1330	\$300	\$1630	09/01/2004

THE APPLICATION IDENTIFIED ABOVE HAS BEEN EXAMINED AND IS ALLOWED FOR ISSUANCE AS A PATENT. PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS CLOSED. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. THIS APPLICATION IS SUBJECT TO WITHDRAWAL FROM ISSUE AT THE INITIATIVE OF THE OFFICE OR UPON PETITION BY THE APPLICANT. SEE 37 CFR 1.313 AND MPEP 1308.

THE ISSUE FEE AND PUBLICATION FEE (IF REQUIRED) MUST BE PAID WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS NOTICE OR THIS APPLICATION SHALL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED. THIS STATUTORY PERIOD CANNOT BE EXTENDED. SEE 35 U.S.C. 151. THE ISSUE FEE DUE INDICATED ABOVE REFLECTS A CREDIT FOR ANY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE APPLIED IN THIS APPLICATION. THE PTOL-85B (OR AN EQUIVALENT) MUST BE RETURNED WITHIN THIS PERIOD EVEN IF NO FEE IS DUE OR THE APPLICATION WILL BE REGARDED AS ABANDONED.

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Applicant claims SMALL ENTITY status.  
See 37 CFR 1.27.

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**Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)**  
 (application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

The Patent Term Adjustment to date is 0 day(s). If the issue fee is paid on the date that is three months after the mailing date of this notice and the patent issues on the Tuesday before the date that is 28 weeks (six and a half months) after the mailing date of this notice, the Patent Term Adjustment will be 0 day(s).

If a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) was filed in the above-identified application, the filing date that determines Patent Term Adjustment is the filing date of the most recent CPA.

Applicant will be able to obtain more detailed information by accessing the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system (<http://pair.uspto.gov>).

Any questions regarding the Patent Term Extension or Adjustment determination should be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration at (703) 305-1383. Questions relating to issue and publication fee payments should be directed to the Customer Service Center of the Office of Patent Publication at (703) 305-8283.

# EXHIBIT B

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design patent) filed on or after May 29, 2000.

Section 1.702 is added to set forth the bases for patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1). Section 1.702(a) indicates that a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment if the Office fails to perform certain acts of examination within specified time frames (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)). Section 1.702(b) indicates that a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment if, subject to a number of limitations, the Office fails to issue a patent within three years of the actual filing date of the application (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(B)). Section 1.702(c) indicates that a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment if the issuance of the patent was delayed by an interference proceeding (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(i)). Section 1.702(d) indicates that a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment if the issuance of the patent was delayed by the application being placed under a secrecy order under 35 U.S.C. 181 (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(ii)). Section 1.702(e) indicates that a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment if the issuance of the patent was delayed by successful appellate review under 35 U.S.C. 134, 141, or 145 (35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(iii)). Section 1.702(f) provides that the provisions of §§ 1.702 through 1.705 apply only to original (i.e., non-reissue) applications, except applications for a design patent, filed on or after May 29, 2000, and patents issued on such applications.

Section 1.703 specifies the period of adjustment if a patent is entitled to patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1) and § 1.702. When a period is indicated (in § 1.703 or 1.704) as "beginning" on a particular day, that day is included in the period, in that such day is "day one" of the period and not "day zero." For example, a period beginning on April 1 and ending on April 10 is ten (and not nine) days in length.

35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A) and (B) provide for an adjustment of one day for each day after the end of the period set forth in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i), (ii), (iii), (iv), and (B) until the prescribed action is taken, whereas 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C) provides for an adjustment of one day for each day of the pendency of the proceeding, order, or review prescribed in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(i) through (iii). Therefore, the end of the period set forth in §§ 1.703(a) and 1.703(b) (which correspond to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A) and (B)) is "day zero" (not "day one") as to the period of adjustment, whereas the first day of the proceeding, order, or review set forth in §§ 1.703(c), 1.703(d), and 1.703(e) (which correspond to 35

U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(C)(i) through (iii)) is "day one" of the period of adjustment.

Section 1.703(a) pertains to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A) and indicates that the period of adjustment under § 1.702(a) is the sum of the periods specified in § 1.703(a)(1) through § 1.703(a)(6).

Section 1.703(a)(1) pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i). Section 1.703(a)(1) specifies that the period is the number of days, if any, beginning on the date after the day that is fourteen months after the date on which the application was filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) or fulfilled the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371 in an international application and ending on the mailing date of either an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first. A written restriction requirement, a written election of species requirement, a requirement for information under § 1.105, an action under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 Comm'r Dec. 11 (1935), and a notice of allowance (PTOL-37) are each an action issued as a result of the examination conducted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 131. As such, each of these Office actions is a notification under 35 U.S.C. 132. Office notices and letters issued as part of the pre-examination processing of an application are not notices issued as a result of an examination conducted pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 131, and thus are not notifications under 35 U.S.C. 132.

Examples of such notices are: a Notice of Incomplete Nonprovisional Application (PTO-1123), a Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Nonprovisional Application (PTO-1669), a Notice to File Missing Parts of Application (PTO-1533), a Notice of Informal Application (PTO-152), a Notice to File Corrected Application Papers Filing Date Granted (PTO-1660), or a Notice to Comply with Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide Sequence and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures (PTO-1661).

Section 1.703(a)(2) pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii). Section 1.703(a)(2) specifies that the period is the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date a reply under § 1.111 was filed and ending on the mailing date of either an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first.

Section 1.703(a)(3) also pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii). Section 1.703(a)(3) specifies that the period is the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date a reply in

compliance with § 1.113(c) was filed and ending on the date of mailing of either an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first. A reply under § 1.113 is a reply to a final Office action, and a reply in compliance with § 1.113 is a reply that cancels all of the rejected claims and removes all outstanding objections and requirements or otherwise places the application in condition for allowance. Any amendment after final that does not cancel all of the rejected claims and remove all outstanding objections and requirements or otherwise place the application in condition for allowance is not a reply in compliance with § 1.113(c).

Section 1.703(a)(4) also pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii). Section 1.703(a)(4) specifies that the period is the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date an appeal brief in compliance with § 1.192 was filed and ending on the mailing date of any of an examiner's answer under § 1.193, an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first. As discussed below, the phrase "the date on which an "appeal was taken" in 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii) means the date on which an appeal brief (and not a notice of appeal) was filed. The phrase "appeal brief in compliance with § 1.192" requires that: (1) the appeal brief fee (\$ 1.17(c)) be paid (\$ 1.192(a)); and (2) the appeal brief complies with § 1.192(c)(1) through (c)(9).

Section 1.703(a)(5) pertains to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(ii). Section 1.703(a)(5) specifies that the period is the number of days, if any, beginning on the day after the date that is four months after the date of a final decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences or by a Federal court in an appeal under 35 U.S.C. 141 or a civil action under 35 U.S.C. 145 or 146, where at least one allowable claim remains in the application and ending on the mailing date of either an action under 35 U.S.C. 132, or a notice of allowance under 35 U.S.C. 151, whichever occurs first.

For a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision to be a "decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences under [35 U.S.C.] 134" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(iii) (and § 1.703(a)(5)), the decision must sustain or reverse the rejection(s) of the claim(s) on appeal. For a Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences decision to be a "decision by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences under [35 U.S.C.] 135"

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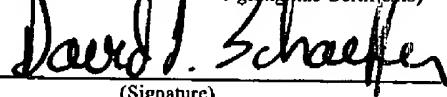
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 Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 200.00)

## Complete if Known

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Examiner Name	Stevan A. Resan
Art Unit	1773
Attorney Docket No.	564131/0023

## METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

 Check  Credit card  Money Order  Other  None
 Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number	19-4709
Deposit Account Name	Stroock & Stroock & Lavan LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

- Charge fee(s) indicated below  Credit any overpayments  
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## FEE CALCULATION (continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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1051 130	2061 65	Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25	Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130	Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55	Extension for reply within first month	
1252 420	2252 210	Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475	Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740	Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005	Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165	Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145	Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,610	Petition to Institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665	Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665	Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240	Design issue fee	
1503 640	2603 320	Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130	Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50	Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(e))	
1810 770	2810 385	For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385	Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
1802 900	1802 900	Request for expedited examination of a design application	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0.00)

## 2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
	-20** =	X 18 =	0
Independent Claims	- 3** =	X 86 =	0
Multiple Dependent			

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Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
1204 86	2204 43	" Reissue independent claims over original patent
1205 18	2205 9	" Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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Other fee (specify) Appln. For Patent Term Adjustment 200

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## SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

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Signature		Date	June 15, 2004	

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